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4. Merchant Vessels

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[redacted] a Soviet vessel, [redacted] about 11,500 gross tons and about T-2(US) size, loaded [redacted] fuel oil and departed

Other Soviet vessels were berthed [redacted] In the area [redacted] were 10-15 fishing vessels reckoned 60' in length.

b. A surveillance boat of some 60' length [redacted] about two miles out [redacted] This boat had no torpedo tubes, but one gun was mounted forward.

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5. Refinery [redacted] the Batumi refinery was an "old type," with no noticeable new construction. 25X1

6. Shipyard [redacted] the DZERZHINSKIY shipyard was building small boats similar to the 60' surveillance boat [redacted] 25X1

7. Railway Yards [redacted] the railway yards in subject port are electrified. 25X1

8. Radio Station [redacted] radio tower [redacted] Below this tower is a small building [redacted] "glassed in." 25X1

9. Miscellaneous

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[redacted] Physical security of port area included watchtowers a searchlight used for checking vessels' names at night, [redacted] and a wall [redacted] separating the NEFTYANOY MOLE from the remainder of the port area. This wall was broken by a check point composed of a two-room building [redacted] People desiring to enter or leave port area would go in one door, their pass would be checked, and they would leave through another door. Officials at this check point were not in same uniform as was gangway watch, and did not seem to have guns. [redacted] there may have been a soldier present, 25X1 too. A gate beside this check point controlled automobile and railroad access. The drivers would stop their cars, get out, clear with the officials in the building just as would a pedestrian, then the official would open the gate. Gangway guards for ships in port appeared to [redacted] 25X1 be mounted from a building [redacted] This was a brick, one-story building, with a sleeping capacity of 50-70 men, [redacted] 25X1 it was 100 yards long.

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b. Shore Area: [redacted] INFLOT and Merchant Marine offices are in the same building, which building is located near the police station and local courts. At [redacted] were located two cranes and several piles of sand. One of the local tugs was being used continually for towing barges of sand to this location. [redacted]

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c. Ship's Business: [redacted] ships bills were required to be paid in dollars or pounds sterling. Prices were quoted in dollars: US\$15.80 per metric ton bunker fuel, \$27.50 per metric ton of diesel oil. [redacted] the Soviets never came aboard alone - always with at least one other person.

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d. Crew versus Gendarmerie: Local Soviet youths tried consistently to buy cigarettes from crewmen, but would run away when local police were seen. [redacted]

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e. Hydrographic conditions: On one occasion there was a considerable swell in port [redacted]

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f. Defense installations: [redacted] anti-aircraft searchlights one to two miles apart along the entire coastal area. [redacted] very powerful and "always sweeping."

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